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SUBJECT: **STATUS ON COMMON SUBJECT SEARCH FOR INVESTIGATIONS**

We have completed the common subject search function project which will streamline the investigative process, eliminate duplication of effort and improve the overall coordination/communication between County departments.

In August 2008, at the request of the First Supervisorial District, staff from several departments met to review the Patrick Porch case and the involvement of multiple departments in the investigations of various allegations. It was determined that the County needed one system to track and manage hotline calls and referrals, regardless of which agency receives the complaint or what type of complaint it is.

In October 2009, we provided your Board a status report on the actions we had taken on: (1) Enhancing an existing Auditor-Controller (A-C) Information Tracking and Management System (ITMS), which contains all reported allegations of financial fraud, employee misconduct, management improprieties, employment practices, discrimination and harassment; and (2) Providing ITMS access and data capability (common subject search) to key staff within the Chief Executive Office, County Counsel, Department of Human Resources and Office of Affirmative Action Compliance.

The project is now completed and designated users from these departments have been trained to use the A-C's ITMS to conduct common subject searches. Any resulting matches will allow the involved departments to collaborate and share information when conducting investigations involving common subjects.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Kris Kademian at (213) 893-0576.

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